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NASHVILLE –Tennessee’s December unemployment rate of 4.9 percent, up three-tenths of a percentage point over November, was released on January 17. County unemployment rates released today showed that 30 county rates were up, 54 were down, and 11 remained the same over the month.

Moore County at 2.4 percent, down from 3.3, registered the state’s lowest county unemployment rate. Stewart County at 10.8 percent, up from 9.8 percent, reported the state’s highest jobless rate.

Knox County at 2.6 percent in December, unchanged from the previous month, registered the lowest metropolitan county unemployment rate. Davidson County reported a 3.1 percent rate, down from 3.3. Hamilton County also reported a 3.1 percent, down from 3.4 percent, while Shelby County reported a 4.5 percent rate, down from 4.7 percent.

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NOTE: Information will be available on the Internet; enter “http://www.state.tn.us/labor-wfd/labor_figures/”

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